

The Annual Spring Concert
The Choirs of
Grace Church in New York
The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector

Friday, 29 April 2022

7:00 o'clock

PSALM 24. *Domini est terra.*

Anglican Chant (*Barnby*)

The earth is the Lord's and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and stablished it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him; even of them that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates: and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Gloria patri.

REJOICE IN THE LORD

Anonymous (16th Century)

Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen

Philippians 4: 4-7

UBI CARITAS

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

*Where charity and love are, there is God.
The love of Christ hath joined us in one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us fear and love the living God.
And love one another in sincerity of heart. Amen.*

The Antiphony

IF YE LOVE ME

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

John 14: 15-17

THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING, OPUS 48/4

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory,
Through all the earth his praise is found.
The seas re-echo the marvelous story:
O man, repeat that glorious sound!

The stary hosts He doth order and number,
He fills the morning's golden springs,
He wakes the sun from his night curtained slumber;
O man, adore the King of kings!

Paraphrase of Psalm 19, arranged by *Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)*

(sung in German by the Choir)

JUSTORUM ANIMÆ

C. Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Justorum animæ in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum malitiæ. Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them : in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace.

Wisdom : 3

A UKRAINIAN PRAYER, 2022

John Rutter (b.1945)

Lord God, guard and shelter Ukraine, grant her strength, Lord, hope, Lord and salvation;
Hear our prayer, Amen.

Translation and arranged by John Rutter

AVE VERUM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Ave verum Corpus, natum
Ex Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.
14th century.

*Hail, true Body, born of Mary,
Spotless Virgin's virgin birth;
Thou who truly hangedst weary
On the cross for sons of earth;
Thou whose sacred side was riven,
Whence the water flowed and blood,
O may'st thou, dear Lord, be given
At death's hour to be my food.*

Tr. H.N. Oxenham

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
John 3: 16, 17

LOVE'S ENDEAVOUR, LOVE'S EXPENSE

Barry Rose (b.1934)

Morning glory, starlit sky,
Soaring music, scholars' truth,
Flight of swallows, autumn leaves,
Memory's treasure, grace of youth:

Drained is Love, in making full,
Bound in setting others free,
Poor in making many rich,
Weak in giving power to be.

Open are the gifts of God,
Gifts of love to mind and sense;
Hidden in loves agony,
Love's endeavor, Love's expense.

Therefore He who shows us God,
Helpless hangs upon the Tree;
And the nails and crown of thorns
Tell of what God's Love must be.

Love that gives, gives evermore,
Gives with zeal, with eager hands,
Spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
Ventures all, its all expends.

Here is God, no monarch He,
Throned in easy state to reign;
Here is God, whose arms of Love
Aching spent, the world sustain.
W. H. Vanstone

HAEC DIES

William Byrd (c.1543-1623)

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus; exsultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.

Easter Antiphon ; Psalm 118 : 24

This is the day which the Lord hath made ; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

STEAL AWAY

African-American Spiritual

Harmonized and Arranged by *H.T. Burleigh (1866-1949)*

Steal away to Jesus.

Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord He calls me, He calls me by the thunder ;

The trumpet sounds within a my soul ;

I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending, Poor sinner stands a-trembling ;

The trumpet sounds within-a my soul !

SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

Arlen/Vandross, arr. D. Lewis (b.1976)

When all the world is a hopeless jumble
And the raindrops tumble all around,
Heaven opens a magic lane.

When all the clouds darken up the skyway
There's a rainbow highway to be found,
Leading from your window pane

To a place behind the sun,
Just a step beyond the rain.

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high,
There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby.

Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue,
And the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true.

Someday I'll wish upon a star and wake up where the clouds are far behind me.
Where troubles melt like lemon drops away above the chimney tops,
That's where you'll find me.

Somewhere over the rainbow, bluebirds fly.
Birds fly over the rainbow; why, then, oh why can't I?

Harold Arlen & E.Y. Harburg

EGO SUM PANIS VIVUS

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

Ego sum panis vivus. Patres vestri manducaverunt manna in deserto et mortui sunt. Hic est panis de caelo descendens: si quis ex ipso manducaverit non morietur.

I am the bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

John 6 :48

SICUT CERVUS

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum : ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

Psalms 42: 1

SUPER FLUMINA

Super flumina Babylonis illic sedimus et flevimus dum recordaremur tui, Sion.
In salicibus in medio eius suspendimus organa nostra.

*By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered thee, O Sion.
As for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein.*

Psalms 136: 1-2

THE VIRGIN MARY HAD A BABY BOY

arr. *Robert De Cormier (b.1922)*

The Virgin Mary had a baby Boy,
An' they said that his name was Jesus.

The Wise men saw where the Baby was born,
An'they said that his name was Jesus.

*He come down from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes, believer.*

The angels sang so sweet that night,
The angels sang awwhen the baby was born
An' they said that his name was Jesus.

West Indian Spiritual

A Special Benefit Reception will take place following the concert in Huntington Close. We invite you to go online to make a donation to support the Choir Special Projects Fund. This fund helps support special opportunities for the choir like the upcoming Summer Concert Tour to Ireland.

The Choir will be offering the repertoire you are hearing tonight along with other selections in Belfast and Dublin.

**Grace Church in New York
2021-2022**

The Choir of Men and Boys

Seniors

Theo Cannon, *Lead*
Christopher Divéki, *Optimus*
Cole Fader
Oscar Fitzharding

Tanner Gola
Kadin Hussein
Leo Lewis
Philip Molina

Sander Olinick
Arthur Root
Thomas Seirer
Lachlan Whelan

Juniors

Pablo Bordes
Aditya Chanmugam
James Gomez

Declan Gorman
Eamonn Hynes
James Kaden
Thatcher Olinick

Luka Tanjga
Luca Viola
James West

Novices

Thibault Antonio
Teddy Armer
Jack Avlon

Niall Harrington
William Naples
Theodore Nichols
Luca McGee

Luis Muniz
Luca Schiff
Landon Vincent

The Girls' Choir

Seniors

Eva Dixon
Pia Erwine, *Optima*
Abby Gomez

Ciara Gorman, *Lead*
Eva Gorman
Bordley Gushee

Amelia Kaden, *Lead*
Grace Majoros
Hailey Popov

Juniors

Cassie Chinn
Mila Coats
Kiera Cryan

Amalya Dhirmalani
Claire Min
Phebe Phojanakong

Kaia Salvador-Bryers
Bellamy Stapleton
Cece Whelan

Novices

Annalise Arena
Delphina Bragen
Emi Cortes
Quinn Cryan
Beatrice Delaney
Carolina Paredes-Goldfarb

Esme Hynes
Niwako Inoue
Chloe Kim
Bridger King
Victoria Lee

Josephine Lewis
Eloise McGrath
Isla Popov
Claire Pederson
Madeleine Polanski
Wilhelmina Schuchard

Adults

Amy Bartram
Amy Goldin
Marie Mascari

Elizabeth Picker
Marcia Young

Peter Gruett
Nathan Riehl

AJ Stetson
Bob Lukomski

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (1st and 5th Sundays) or Morning Prayer (2nd through 4th Sundays)
Rite One

In Person and Live Streamed

6:00 p.m. in the Chantry, Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Wednesday Worship

6:00 p.m. in the Chantry, Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Weekly Musical Offerings

Bach at Noon

Takes place each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday during the academic season, this year running until 18 May 2022.

These informal organ meditations devoted to the music of Johann Sebastian Bach begin at 12:20 p.m. and last about 30 minutes.

They are also live streamed and archived on the Grace Church in New York Facebook page.

Weekend Organ Meditations

Take place on Saturday and Sunday during the academic season, this year running until 29 May 2022.

These informal organ medications of diverse repertoire begin at 4:00 p.m. and last about 45 minutes.

They are also live streamed and archived on the Grace Church in New York Facebook page.

All programs are subject to special offerings by the Church. Please confirm schedules on the church website music page or by calling 212.254.2000/6.

If Music be the food of Love, Play on.....William Shakespeare

We invite you to donate to your local food bank to help all in need especially during the pandemic.

The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector
The Reverend Julia Offinger, Associate Rector
The Reverend Thomas Szczerba, Assistant Rector
Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers

A HISTORY OF THE CHOIRS OF GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

The Choir of Men and Boys is made up of some 30 boys and a professional ensemble of 6 to 12 adult altos, tenors and basses. The foundation is based on the Anglican Cathedral model of Choir where the boys do the work of professional soprano vocalists. The Grace Church Choir of Men and Boys was established in 1894, and in the fall of that same year the Church established a Choir School for the academic and musical training of the boys.

It is the oldest resident Boy Choir in continuous service in New York City, and its school served as a model for the Choir Schools at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine on Morningside Heights and at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue. The Choir School which began with sixteen boys has evolved into Grace Church School which today comprises some seven hundred boys and girls spanning grades pre-kindergarten through eleven.

During its distinguished history this Choir was the first to have its Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols televised nationally. The Choir has sung on many occasions at the major concert halls in New York City including participation in performances of Mahler's Eighth Symphony and Massenet's *Hérodiade* at Carnegie Hall. New anthems are commissioned regularly for the Grace Church Choirs including most recently works by Malcolm Archer, René Clausen, Gerre Hancock, Fenno Heath, Darin Lewis and Barry Rose. Since 2004 the Combined Choirs have made a concert tour to Europe about every three years. These tours have taken them to England, The Netherlands, Italy, The Czech Republic, Austria, France and Spain. This summer they will make a tour to Ireland singing in Belfast and Dublin.

As part of the celebrations surrounding the Centennial of The Choir of Men and Boys in 1994, and with the support of the Rector, Wardens, Vestry and People of Grace Church, The Girls' Choir for young ladies was established. Five young choristers came forward to become the charter class. The Girls' Choir has taken its place alongside The Choir of Men and Boys, The Adult Choir and Parish Choir in the musical leadership of the worship of Grace Church. The Girls' Choir is made up of some 42 girls and a professional ensemble of 6 to 12 adult altos, tenors and basses. It is based, like the Choir of Men and Boys on the Anglican Cathedral model of Choir where the girls do the work of professional soprano vocalists.

With the establishment of the High School Division of Grace Church School, a new High School Chorister program was begun in the Choir. High School Students study the appropriate vocal part and work alongside the Adult singers to support the soprano part sung by the Girls' Choir.

www.gracechurchnyc.org

Please No Photographs or Recording during the Offering

To check current schedules as programs are subject to special liturgies and programs offered in the church go to the home page of the Music area of the website for the weekly up to date schedule or call 212.254.2000/ext.6